

TROCHILUS FURCATUS.

VAR.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum subulato-filiforme, apice tubulato, capite longius: *Mandibula* superior vaginans inferiorem.

Lingua filiformis, filis duobus coalitis tubulosa.

Pedes ambulatorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 189.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TROCHILUS curvirostris cæruleo-violaceus, vertice collo uropygioque viridi-aureis, remigibus rectricibusque nigris, cauda bifurca.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 304.

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T. curvirostris niger, gula viridi-aurea, pectore cæruleo-violaceo, cauda furcata.

Rostrum levissime curvatum.

Veram magnitudinem depinximus aviculæ, colo-
ribus adeo vividis superbientis, ut pulchriores vix

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animo possibile fit concipere. Generat eam præcipue America Australis, nec non alias plerasque congeneres.



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THE
FURCATED HUMMING-BIRD.
VAR.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill slender, tubular, the upper mandible sheathing the lower,

Tongue very long, extensile; formed of two conjoined cylindric tubes.

Toes three forward, one backward.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Curve-billed violet-blue HUMMING-BIRD, with the top of the head, the neck, and rump gold-green; the tail-feathers and wings black; the tail forked.

Var.

Curve-billed black HUMMING-BIRD, with gold-green throat, violet-blue breast, and forked tail.

The bill is but very slightly curved.

It is scarce possible to imagine colors more brilliant than those which decorate this beautiful bird: like most others of this genus, it is principally found in South America, and is represented on the plate in its natural size.